



**FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION**  
Washington, DC 20463

May 2, 2000

The Corporation Trust Company, Registered Agent  
CNBC, Inc.  
820 Bear Tavern Road  
Trenton, NJ 08628

RE: MUR 5006

Dear Sir or Madam:

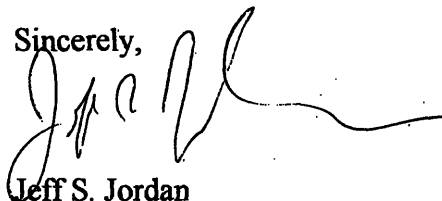
The Federal Election Commission received a complaint which indicates that Hardball and CNBC, Inc., may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). A copy of the complaint is enclosed. We have numbered this matter MUR 5006. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

Under the Act you have the opportunity to demonstrate in writing that no action should be taken against Hardball and CNBC, Inc., in this matter. Please submit any factual or legal materials which you believe are relevant to the Commission's analysis of this matter. Where appropriate, statements should be submitted under oath. Your response, which should be addressed to the General Counsel's Office, must be submitted within 15 days of receipt of this letter. If no response is received within 15 days, the Commission may take further action based on the available information.

This matter will remain confidential in accordance with 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(B) and § 437g(a)(12)(A) unless you notify the Commission in writing that you wish the matter to be made public. If you intend for Hardball and CNBC, Inc., to be represented by counsel in this matter, please advise the Commission by completing the enclosed form stating the name, address and telephone number of such counsel, and authorizing such counsel to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission.

If you have any questions, please contact Alva E. Smith at (202) 694-1650. For your information, we have enclosed a brief description of the Commission's procedures for handling complaints.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeff S. Jordan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jeff S. Jordan  
Supervisory Attorney  
Central Enforcement Docket

Enclosure

1. Complaint
2. Procedures
3. Designation of Counsel Statement

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